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### WEEKEND WEATHER

Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
78 54 60%	79 46 20%	80 52 10%

Source: <http://weather.com>

### NUMBER CRUNCH

**599,000**

**Students between the ages of 18-24 who are unintentionally injured under the influence of alcohol.**

Source: National Institute On Alcohol Abuse

## Take one down and pass it around



Officer Nicholas Reonas of Public Safety performs a field sobriety test on Reese Cohn during a university program displaying the varying effects of alcohol. The event was also a public Q&A forum and took place Monday, Oct. 15 in Magnolia Ballroom during Alcohol Awareness Week.

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BY KYLE COLLINS  
SENIOR REPORTER

GCSU Alcohol Awareness Week started Oct. 14 with a tailgate party, pancakes and Bobcat basketball. This year's alcohol education week is the biggest ever as a campus wide collaboration organized daily events.

Staff from Public Safety, University Housing and Student Affairs make up a small portion of the numerous campus sponsors working together this week.

"It's easy for us to work together because we've done it on other initiatives before," Gina Peavy, executive assistant to the vice president of Student Affairs, said.

The events range from speakers affected by drunk driving to live music on Front Campus.

Wellness Program Coordinator Amy Whatley said the words "alcohol awareness" may not entice some students to come.

"Students get the AlcoholEdu course in addition to what they may

have had in high school," Whatley said. "You want students to realize there are consequences to their actions."

About 15 students took part in the Public Safety forum held at Magnolia Ballroom Monday. Students were treated to several car chase videos recorded by GCSU Public Safety and Milledgeville Police.

The videos got the crowd chatting as suspects under the influence of drugs or alcohol sped around the city.

The highlight of the night was the sobriety tests administered to several

Lt. Joe Grant with GCSU Public Safety opened the discussion with information about their department.

Public Safety works closely with the Milledgeville Police and Baldwin County Sheriff agencies to protect the area.

"We have 16 officers to cover 500 acres within our jurisdiction which usually leaves us underhanded," Grant said.

The highlight of the night was the sobriety tests administered to several

GCSU staff and two coaches. All of the subjects drank for at least an hour on empty stomachs.

Officer Justin Gaines discussed three methods to test a subject's blood alcohol level. These include the one-leg stand, the walk and turn, and the nystagmus test.

The nystagmus test uses a lighted pen which the officer moves side to side and up and down. The eyes of those under the influence have an uncontrollable

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## New amphitheater to open next to Bell Hall

BY MATT BAUM  
SENIOR REPORTER

The construction around Bell Hall on Wilkinson Street is nearing completion. The new and improved Bell Hall parking lot and green space is set to be finished on schedule in mid-November.

The finished area will be part parking and part lawn area. The most

intriguing structure of the project looks to be the small, amphitheater-like stage that will be facing away from Bell Hall towards the lawn and parking lot.

"(The space) will contain a small concert area," said Facilities Planner John Webb, who is leading the project. "You could call it an amphitheater, though it's small."

The structure is a two-

tiered brick-seating wall that could be used for a band. Webb suggested its use for an event like the Sweetwater Festival coming up or for classes to meet outside.

The wall will contain provisions for a band like power hook-ups, in order to avoid awkward wires that would be needed to run from the surrounding

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## Non-Christians express beliefs in 'Unorganized'

BY CLAIRE KERSEY  
STAFF WRITER

Unorganized, a new registered student organization for non-Christian students, had its first meeting on Monday, Oct. 15. The meeting attracted approximately 30 people, whose beliefs ranged from agnostic, atheist, heretic and disillusioned Christians.

Unorganized is the brainchild of sophomores Carter Gillespie and Taylor Mills. They created

the organization because they felt underrepresented on an overwhelmingly Christian campus.

Students have responded positively to this new outlet.

"I came here because I was looking for a group that accepts people for who they really are," Chris Hercules, sophomore English major, said.

Other students viewed the group as an educational opportunity. Another draw was the appeal of an open forum, where issues

could be discussed without drawing all the answers from religion.

The informal atmosphere was palpable during one icebreaking activity, where people described their religious beliefs in terms of a metaphorical tennis ball. Some people questioned the form of the tennis ball, or whether the tennis ball existed at all.

"We wanted to let people talk without people saying, 'Well, if you turn

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CORINNE BURNSTEIN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
The increase in student bike riders at GCSU has lead to an increase in bicycle robberies around campus.

## Bike theft steadily rises on campus

BY KATIE HUSTON  
SENIOR REPORTER

Bicycle thefts are on the rise around campus and surrounding locations causing some students to suffer the ill effects of lost possessions.

Typically, students at GCSU are not doing the stealing. Trends suggest the danger lies outside the campus community.

Detective Robert

Butler with GCSU Public Safety deals with stolen bikes and other property on a regular basis.

"The majority (of bike thefts) are juveniles that are stealing the bikes," he said. "They'll walk through and they'll actually see a bike that's insecure and actually will take the bike. Sometimes it ends up in a pawn shop; sometimes it doesn't."

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## SGA forum to correct school complaints gets little support

BY CHRISTIN IVEY  
STAFF REPORTER

The A&S auditorium was silent last Tuesday night as SGA President Ryan Greene introduced the SGA campus wide forum with a 15-minute summary of SGA's current plans to improve student life for GCSU students.

After Greene made his key points regarding campus parking issues and Cat Cash woes, he opened the floor for students to ask questions and lodge complaints, but out of the small group of 30—the majority being SGA members—only four spoke up.

The Campus wide forum was planned to last from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., offering GCSU students ample time to speak out about campus issues and complaints, but after just 20 short minutes the crowd

was silent and the forum was over.

SGA secretary Alissa Torchia voiced her concerns about the lack of direct communication between SGA and the student body.

"Tonight's turnout wasn't as successful as planned," Torchia said. "I wish students would show more pride in our school and how it is run."

This year SGA has tried new outlets to allow students to voice their opinions, not only with the campus-wide open forum but also with weekly SGA reports in The Colonnade and plans for a complaint table on front campus to hear the real issues students care about on campus.

As of now, the major complaint SGA hears about is campus parking problems.

"Parking is the number one issue on campus," SGA President Ryan Greene said. "(Parking) is the biggest issue (SGA) has spent the most time on but it also has some of the least flexibility."

Greene explains that due to the limited parking spaces and priority for faculty parking over student parking, there isn't much SGA can do about parking shortage on campus. However, SGA's current solution is to convert both Peabody and Kilpatrick lots into both faculty and student parking.

Along with parking concerns, Greene's presentation at the campus-wide forum also discussed plans to make the GCSU website more user-friendly, extending library hours, and offering better dining dollar and Cat Cash options.

"We're making noticeable changes," SGA Attorney General Michael George said. "(SGA) is trying to voice the student's opinions and make student life more enjoyable."

In order to make student life more enjoyable, however, students have to speak out to SGA about the problems and solutions for campus issues.

"If (GCSU students) want the best experience out of college, they should show concern, get involved and voice their opinions," Torchia said.

To show your concern about campus issues, or offer suggestions or complaints to SGA, you can post your comments on the SGA website forum: <http://gcsuforum.freeforums.org>.



CORINNE BURNSTEIN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
The lot of construction next to Bell Hall and parallel to Wilkinson Street is being made into an amphitheater and a parking lot.

### Construction

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"The area went from no parking originally, to just lawn and handicap parking," Webb said. "It was supposed to be a lawn area for Bell Hall, but we went back and added some parking."

The finished project, which will end up costing right at \$492,000, will carry several other improvements for students, the most important being the completion of the Main Campus Walkway. The Walkway was designed to enable students to walk from Clarke Street to Wilkinson Street without having to cross any roads and avoid any cars.

"For the residents of Bell Hall there will be a new containment area for trash in a screened in area, no longer will there be that dumpster sitting out in plain view," Webb said of additional features that will be in the area.

The project is an integral part of the campus master plan, which is to convert more areas around the historic core of campus to green space. The new and improved Bell Hall parking lot will add more green space on campus without losing too much parking.

### Unorganized

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to Jesus," Mills said.

This open-mindedness is what Unorganized is all about. Its purpose is to create a safe social space and a sense of community for those who do not identify with a religion.

But religious beliefs are not the only focus. Unorganized plans to create a forum to discuss political issues, spirituality and other topics. It is also planning social activities such as movie nights and informal get-togethers.

"People who were not part of organized religion were invisible at GCSU," Mills said.

Christianity is the belief of the majority of GCSU students, and there are many Christian organizations. Almost any Christian subgroup is represented in some way, and several more Christian groups were recently approved by SGA.

The campus sidewalks are covered in chalk publicity for Wesley, Baptist Collegiate Ministries and 180, images that linger until time or the elements erode them away, only to be replaced next week.

Facebook also reflects

the Christian atmosphere on campus. A Facebook search for agnostics at GCSU returns 40 results. A search for atheists returns 29 results. A search for Christianity returns more results than Facebook can count.

So what is a nonreligious person to do on a campus where the top book is the Bible?

In the past, there have been other groups at GCSU that have catered to students of other religions, such as Judaism and Islam.

"There were other groups, but they were inactive," Gillespie said. "I don't want this to be past tense."

Efforts to keep the organization active are a large part of what Unorganized is doing. It has succeeded in spreading the word about its existence and mission. The Facebook group has 91 members, providing a good foundation for growth.

"I want to show people that you don't have to be Christian to be a good person," Gillespie said.

Sounds of assent followed this statement, a sentiment shared by all of those attending the group's meeting.

Meetings will continue on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the MSU Lounge.



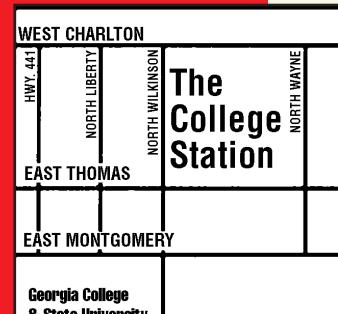
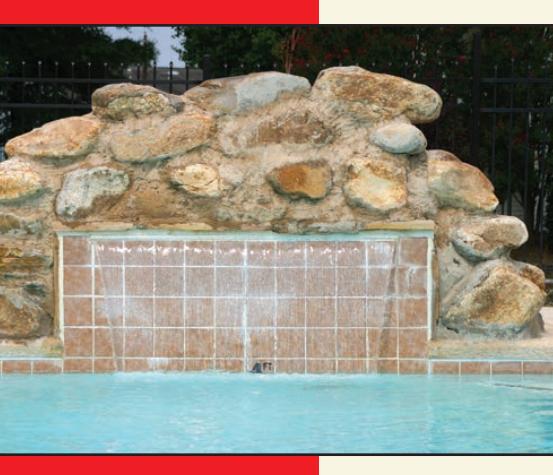
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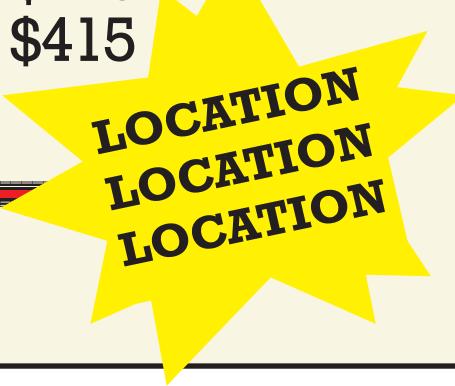
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lable twitch as the person tries to follow the pen.

Some handled their alcohol better than others as over half of the drinkers tested beyond the legal .08 limit for adults over 21.

"I think there is a huge misconception about how alcohol affects people," Whatley said. "College aged people don't realize tolerances differ based on body type and how the drinks are mixed."

Junior Michael George, attorney general for the Student Judicial Board, said he hoped students learn responsibility about drinking.

"I feel like this event was a success even though we didn't get a huge turnout," George said.

The following Tuesday night Eric Krug and his mother, Joyce, came to the Arts and Sciences auditorium to discuss the dangers of drunk driving.

Over ten years ago, Krug hopped into a car after celebrating his 21 birthday with his baseball team. The female driver was drunk at the time, and she crashed into a tree not far from their destination at Oglethorpe University.

Krug's best friend died while he remained in a coma for over a year. Krug suffered severe brain damage affecting long term memory and motor skills.

Krug remains bound to his walker and wheel chair at the age of 30. Speech left him that fateful night as well.



DRAKE SIMONS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Alcohol Awareness Week included a guest speaker to relay the devastating result of DUI's. Guest speaker Eric Krug was a passenger in a car driven by a drunk driver and now contrasts the image of his days before the accident.

His mother delivered his message to a room full of students.

Krug lost the things he loved most including a girlfriend and the active life he used to enjoy. He trained for six months to walk his sister down the aisle at her wedding.

Despite all the sadness, Krug still interacted with the crowd as students asked questions about his favorite baseball team and movie.

His smile warmed the crowd as everyone gave Krug a standing ovation after the program.

Freshman undecided major Alana Baker felt a

connection because her brother recently received a DUI.

"He is a very motivational person," Baker said. "I will definitely think twice about my choices from now on."

Peavy hopes this week educates students about the possible consequences involved with alcohol.

"I hope students realize that it's not somebody else that it could happen to because it can be any one of us," Peavy said.

Alcohol Awareness Week ends on Oct. 20 with a Mocktails "bar" at Fallfest.

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## RSO weekly remix

### College Republicans strike back



White

BY ANDY KELLY  
STAFF WRITER

Want to help foster political activity, debate and understanding at GCSU? The answer may lie in a political RSO called the College Republicans.

The organization became an RSO in 2001. Jason White, Chairman of the College Republicans, invites anyone that wants to become politically involved on campus to join.

"The purpose of the organization is to end apathy on campus," said White. "We love when people bring new ideas to the table."

The organization opens its doors to many different mindsets.

"We welcome all different types of republicans," White said. "No one person defines the Republican Party as a whole."

The College Republicans encourage members to work on campaigns, help host

speakers, or hold events. The organization hosts several events at GCSU each semester.

Recently, the College Republicans, in association with the American Democracy Project, Coverdale Institute and Young Democrats, co-sponsored the Herman Cain event and Democracy Week.

The College Republicans have over 30 active members who pay the one-dollar dues per semester and almost 700 unofficial members.

Jerry Herbel, a Political Science professor at GCSU, is in his second year as advisor for the College Republicans.

Anyone can join the College Republicans by joining the College Republican Facebook group, which is the official means of communication. Prospective members can contact Jason White at [Jason.white1@ecats.gcsu.edu](mailto:Jason.white1@ecats.gcsu.edu) with any questions.

The College Republicans have a website under construction that will replace their Facebook group as the official means of communication for the organization. The website is located at: [www.gcsucr.org](http://www.gcsucr.org).

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Or at the Pi Kappa Phi Table near the fountain**

For Further questions Contact Daniel Hannah (706) 551-0161



## G.I.V.E. Center organizes book drive to help Katrina victims

BY AMANDA BODDY  
STAFF WRITER

This month at The G.I.V.E. Center, Hands On Milledgeville is hosting a book drive to benefit a school in New Orleans that was rebuilt after Hurricane Katrina.

HOM is a program that was created by Kendall Stiles in The G.I.V.E. Center to promote volunteerism amongst the Milledgeville Community. HOM also acts as a chamber of commerce for non-profit organizations in Milledgeville and is influenced by a Hands On Georgia.

The school that the collected books will be going to is McDonogh City Park Academy, a charter school with students from Kindergarten to eighth grade. McDonogh City Park Academy was one of the first schools in the New Orleans area to reopen after Hurricane Katrina in August of 2005.

The book drive was started by Jah-Wann Galimore, an eighth grader at GMC, and his mother, Diedra Monroe, an administrative assistant in early childhood and middle grades education. Galimore and his mother are evacuees of the hurricane and have been participating in and starting different service projects since to help New Orleans. Galimore and Monroe heard about the needs of McDonough City Park Academy while doing volunteer work in New Orleans after the hur-



AUTHOR: KATIE RAGAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
The G.I.V.E. Center and Hands on Milledgeville are currently holding a book drive for McDonogh City Park Academy in New Orleans. The book collection bin is set up just inside the main doors of The G.I.V.E. Center and is in need of books for kindergarten through eighth-grade.

cane.

The McDonogh City Park Academy is lacking books in its library and classrooms due to the damage of the hurricane.

The purpose of the book drive is to replenish the book shelves of the school and provide leisure reading books to the students. The book drive started during Hands On Georgia week, which was from Sept. 30 to Oct. 7 and will continue until the end of October.

"We are collecting Kindergarten through eighth grade appropriate books," Megan Tiedman, HOM in The G.I.V.E. Center volunteer said. "The McDonogh City Park Academy does not have books in its library or in

the classrooms, so we are looking for just about anything."

The books are being collected in a bin in the lobby of The G.I.V.E. Center. This is the first year that The G.I.V.E. Center is hosting this book drive.

In an effort to publicize the event, Tiedman has sent out a mass e-mail to both the GIVE center and HOM mailing lists detailing the book drive and encouraging others to participate. She has also created flyers and has provided interviews for The Union Recorder and the GCSU TV station.

The G.I.V.E. Center has so far collected about 30 books, but Tiedman and HOM are expecting a lot

more. The books will be taken to McDonogh City Park Academy over winter break when Galimore and his family go back to New Orleans.

The G.I.V.E. Center is not the only organization providing help to McDonogh City Park Academy, though. Frlot L.C., an attorney firm in New Orleans is also collecting books through a "Book By Book" program, a branch of the New Orleans Charter School Foundation. The New Orleans Charter School Foundation is a nonprofit organization that sponsors the McDonogh City Park Academy and one other school in New Orleans.

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### Know your elements...



AUTHOR: AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
In preparation for National Chemistry Week, the Chemistry Club put together a human periodic table. Art Tank members volunteered to paint all of the chemical symbols on the students.

rail," she said. "It wouldn't take much to steal my bike, even locked up."

Securing the bike does not always prevent a theft. It is important to know certain details about the bike to aid police in the search.

"What I would recommend for anybody to do is if they would just record their serial numbers on the bike," Butler said. "If it hit's a pawn shop that has the type of software that Baldwin County has, then it will be recovered."

Realistically, this offers little help to those unaware of the importance the serial numbers hold. It is easy to disregard the possibility of theft. Beasley ran into this issue after talking to an officer with the Milledgeville Police.

"Our officer was like, 'Get the serial number and call it in,' so I went and looked for mine and, you know, I had just recently thrown away the packet," she said.

Repercussions,

when

convicted of stealing can

range from minor to severe

for those with a record.

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Butler

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where he's on parole or on

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"I just knew it was coming though. Everyday I would lock it to the porch

### National Chemistry Week schedule

#### Tuesday, Oct. 23

5 p.m.

Oak Hill Science Night

Oak Hill Elementary

#### Wednesday, Oct. 24

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Chemistry on the lawn

Front Campus

#### Thursday, Oct. 25

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# Freshman feel GCSU satisfies academic and recreational standards

BY DEVIN VERNICK  
SENIOR REPORTER

This past fall, GCSU accepted the largest incoming class of students in its 118-year history. As fall semester comes to the halfway point, many of GCSU's new faces have adjusted well to college courses and have become actively involved in the campus community.

John Raymond, junior liberal studies major, transferred to GCSU from Jacksonville State University, located in Alabama.

"This school has so much more community than Jacksonville," Raymond said. "But, I expected students here to be more excited about their studies - most people here don't seem to show much enthusiasm for that."

Despite that, GCSU professors have impressed Raymond thus far.

"The professors here are significantly more intellectual than my old (Jacksonville State) professors," Raymond said.

Another transfer student, Bethany Wolford, ventured to Milledgeville from Brenau University, in Gainesville, Ga.

Wolford came to be a part of GCSU's nursing program.

"It's a good program and the acceptance rate here

*"Most of my classes have gone over well. In high school, I rarely had to study, but here it's necessary—there's been a lot to learn"*

- Samantha Brown,  
GCSU freshman

was a little higher than at Brenau," Wolford said.

She, like GCSU freshman Samantha Brown, lives at The Village at West Campus. Brown has adjusted well to college life, despite feeling isolated at West Campus.

"I didn't really have any expectations for GCSU," Brown said. "I was just like, 'college, let's go.'"

"Most of my classes have gone over well," Brown said. "In high school, I rarely had to study, but here it's necessary - there's been a lot to learn."

Like most GCSU newcomers, Wolford, Raymond and Brown were all excited about getting involved in campus life and the Milledgeville community.

"I work at Great Clips, go to Wesley House (a campus ministry), study and spend time with friends," Wolford said.

Brown also spends time with Wesley House, enjoys lounging on front campus and sipping coffee at the Blackbird Cafe.

Brendan Kelly, a freshman resident of Bell Hall and member of the GCSU honors program, came to GCSU as a computer science major.

"The experience has been pretty good so far," Kelly said. "I had realistic expectations, knowing college wasn't going to be all fun and games."

Kelly has adjusted well to college professors, agreeing that classes have been manageable thus far into the semester.

Other than classes and making new friends, Raymond says he has experienced something else at GCSU.

"I feel like there's a spiritual revival going on here, like God is doing something big on this campus," Raymond said. "People are talking about Jesus and telling stories about healings and other wonders."

# Winkler to talk about political rhetoric tactics

BY JAMIE FLEMING  
SENIOR REPORTER

Dr. Carol Winkler of Georgia State University will present the lecture, "Behind the Scenes: Crafting the President's Terrorism Rhetoric," on Monday, Oct. 22 at 2 p.m. in the Arts & Sciences Auditorium.

The lecture is based on her recently published book, "In the Name of Terrorism: Presidents on Political Violence in the Post-World War II Era."

According to Winkler, the book explains in some detail the crafting process of presidents' messages that happen behind the scenes.

"It shows when the presidents have chosen to fabricate and exaggerate their messages, and how the decisions of one president influence another," she said.

Winkler is professor of Communication and associate dean for the Humanities in the College of Arts and Sciences at GCSU. She said she became interested in the topic because she initially thought that by understanding the past, future presidents would not repeat the same mistakes.

"Instead, I was amazed to find how past rhetorical choices operate as both a major constraint and opportunity for future presidents," Winkler said. "I had the heads of Presidential Libraries take me to lunch to talk

because seeing an academic who worked across libraries was so unusual."

Dr. James Winchester, associate professor of philosophy and interim chair of the Honors and Scholars program, invited Winkler to GCSU as part of a series of lectures sponsored by the Honors and Scholars program. He said one goal in bringing Winkler to GCSU is to discuss the style of presidents' speeches.

"Carol Winkler is one of the country's foremost experts on the rhetoric of presidents' speeches," Winchester said.

He said he thinks the lecture will be interesting and the topic is very important.

"I think we all need to think about rhetoric surrounding terrorism," he said.

Sara Sellers, a junior mass communication major and member of The Honors and Scholars Program, said she thinks it's a really interesting topic that she doesn't think many have thought about much.

"It's important for everyone to know what their governing body is up to 'behind the scenes,'" Sellers said. "I want to learn exactly how my presidents have used terrorism to make me do things I wouldn't normally do."

Winkler's ultimate goal behind writing her book was to provide people with needed information.

## Lecture Information



Winkler

**What:**

Behind the Scenes: Crafting the President's Terrorism Rhetoric

**Who:**

Carol Winkler

**When:**Monday, Oct. 22  
2 p.m.**Where:**

A&amp;S Auditorium

Photo from GCSU Info Page

"I wanted the reader to have both the tools and background needed to critically analyze how the nation's leaders were publicly discussing and using terrorism to support their goals," she said.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Winchester at 478-445-4025.

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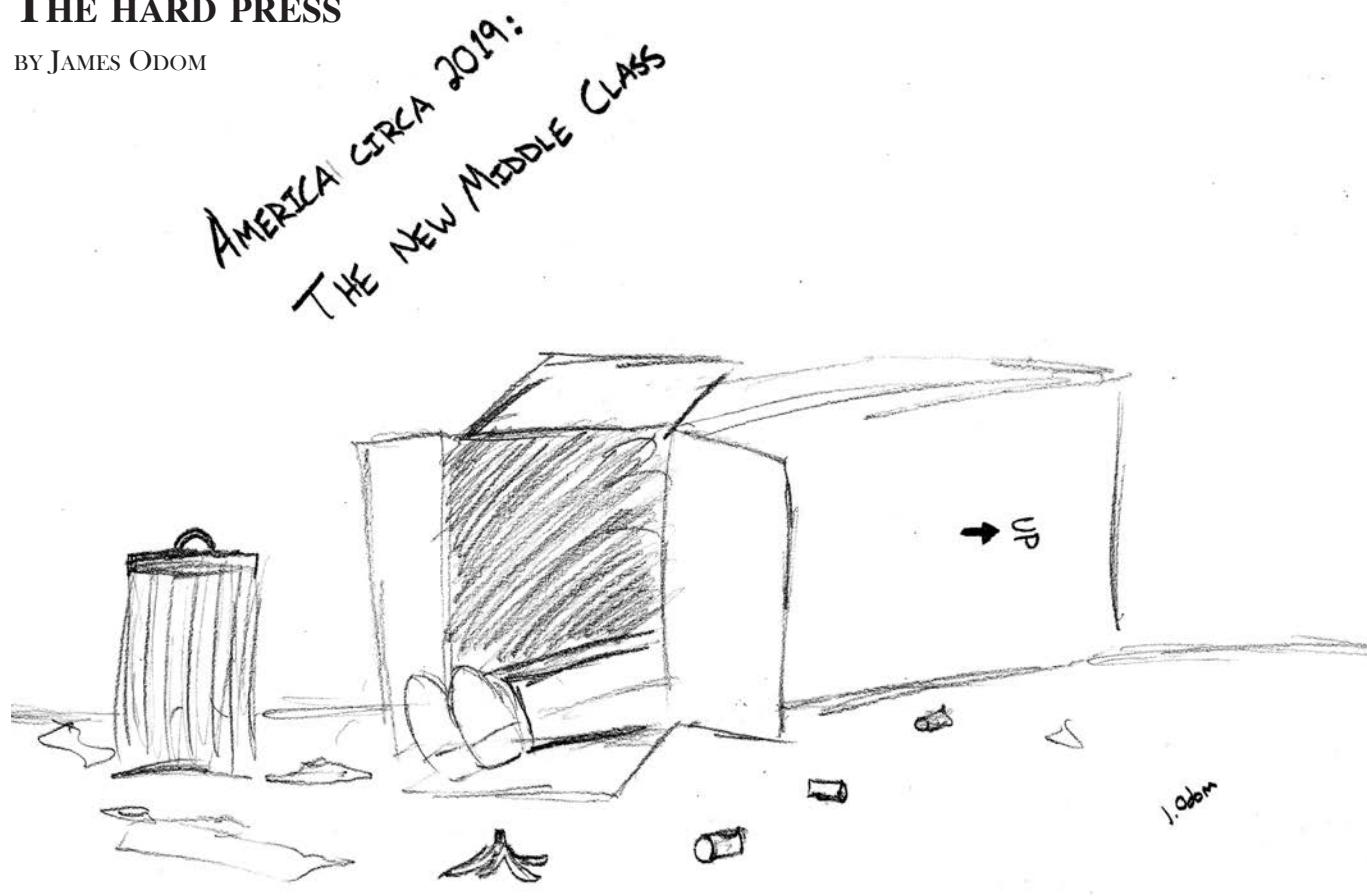
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## THE HARD PRESS

BY JAMES ODOM



## Why declare war on our allies?



BY ANDREW ADAMS  
COLUMNIST

Last week, the United States House Committee on Foreign Affairs voted to condemn Turkey for the genocide that killed around 1.5 million Armenians between 1915-1917. The Foreign Affairs Committee is one of several hundred committees in the House of Representatives. With passage through committee, the non-binding resolution on the Armenian genocide will likely move to the floor for a full vote in the coming weeks.

I think that we can all agree that genocide is bad. John Stewart joked on the Daily Show saying, "A resolution condemning genocide? Uh, I think you gotta go 'yes' with that one!" But this issue is much more complicated than just saying genocide is bad. An interesting fact is that while the genocide ended in 1917, Turkey didn't exist until 1923. In other words, during the genocide, the only turkey that existed was the kind you eat at Thanksgiving. The atrocities against the Armenians were actually performed by the Ottoman Empire, which was run by Turks.

But the case against the House's condemnation is so much more than just one little technicality.

Turkey is in a very important geographical position for U.S. interests. Resting just north of Iraq, Turkey plays a major role in the war. Turkey is also very much aligned with the United States. Radio talk-show host, Neal Boortz, describes how 70 percent of U.S. air cargo for Iraq goes through Turkey. Along with 1/3 of the fuel for the U.S. military. There are also numerous bases the United States uses to supply water and necessities to northern Iraq. In short, Turkey is absolutely vital to the U.S. in the war in Iraq.

President Bush urged Congress to drop the resolution, at least for now. But Congressional Democrats did not listen as they pushed the non-binding resolution through committee. The repercussions of this are already being seen as Turkey recalled its Ambassador to the U.S. just hours after the vote. Turkey's military chief, General Yasar Buyukanit, says that if the House of Representatives confirms the committee's ruling then U.S.-Turkish military ties "will never be the same again."

Before the Foreign Affairs committee voted on the resolution, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, along with all eight other living Secretaries of State called on the resolution to be rejected. However, committee Democrats did not listen as they blasted one of our strongest allies in the war in Iraq for a 90-year-old crime that the nation of Turkey never committed. It's amazing that leading Democrats criticize President Bush for losing America allies while they turn around and

lambaste a crucial ally.

But what do Democrats have to gain by pushing through this terrible resolution? Democratic House Speaker, Nancy Pelosi, is a congresswoman from San Francisco. In her district are many wealthy Armenians. The left-leaning, Huffington Post believes that Pelosi is pandering to the Armenians from whom she hopes to receive large donations. I sure hope the money she receives from a handful of Armenians will be worth the important ally we're losing in Turkey.

To soothe relations with the Turkish government, President Bush has sent two top U.S. officials, one from the state and defense departments, over to Turkey. But there is obvious anger between the President and the Speaker. Just in the past 6 months, Speaker Pelosi has twice tried to obstruct the President's foreign policy. The first time, was in April when Nancy Pelosi made a formal trip to Syria to meet with their leader. Now she is leading resolutions to condemn Turkey. It is unprecedented that a Speaker of the House would attempt to override a President's foreign policy.

But what really gets me is the obvious stupidity of every single person in Congress that voted for this non-binding resolution. It is insane to condemn a country that is a huge ally in the war you're fighting, and that also houses your nation's military personnel. In World War II, we aligned ourselves with the Soviet Union when we fought Nazi Germany. We hated the Soviet Union almost as much as we hated Hitler. Americans did not

approve of the harsh way that Stalin ruled, or the millions of innocents that he killed. But when we were fighting that war we didn't have Congressmen and women condemning the Soviet Union. Instead we supported them, and we fought alongside them.

Like the Ottoman Empire which massacred Armenians they believed might be helping Russia, whom they were at war with; America has also fallen prey to war-time faults. During World War II, Democratic President Franklin Delano Roosevelt sent all Japanese-Americans to concentration ... I mean internment ... camps out west. Why? For the exact same reason the Turks in the Ottoman Empire did. Because we were at war, and we felt that Japanese-Americans were helping the enemy. While America didn't commit a genocide like the Ottoman Empire, we still robbed Japanese-Americans of their liberty and forced them to live in sub-standard conditions because of their race. Apparently congress hasn't learned that those in glass houses shouldn't throw rocks.

By passing this resolution, Congressional Democrats are: threatening the safety of American military stationed in Turkey, potentially ending an important alliance with Turkey, and threatening supply routes and use of bases in Turkey. All for passing a meaningless resolution that means nothing more than the paper it is written on. I hope Speaker Pelosi is proud of the mess she made.

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## Our Voice

When will you step up?

According to The National Domestic Violence Hotline Web site, 4 million American women experience a serious assault by a partner during an average 12-month period.

So, you may be thinking, this doesn't apply to me; I'd never put up with a man putting his hands on me, or I'm a guy, so I won't be abused.

It's an easy trap to fall into, the "it won't happen to me" mentality.

But get this, according to the same site, one in three women around the world has been beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused during her lifetime, and women of all races and ethnicities are equally vulnerable. If you are a man, you're probably correct in assuming that you won't be beaten since the overwhelming majority of abuse occurs from men to women. Of course, there are always cases of men being abused, but they aren't nearly as common, and seldom end as tragically.

None of these terrible things are going to happen to you though. Are they? Do you want to roll the dice of chance and find out, or do you want to stop the problem before it hits close to home?

Now, you may be thinking, what can I, only one little person, do to help? There are plenty of ways to do your part in ending domestic violence.

Last week in The Colonnade's own Bobcat Beat, the question was "If you saw a man violently hit a woman, what would you do?" The results were staggering.

The majority of the responses said they would do nothing. Sure, some said they would take a picture or call friends for help, but nobody said they would jump in and try to stop the fight directly.

We're not saying go out and fight the abuser, but the least you can do is call the police, even if you do so away from the scene.

Also, if a woman is brave enough to share her story with you, believe her. We know, it may sound like something from a really bad movie, but people don't usually make things like that up. If you can, put her in contact with someone who can help. The number to the National Domestic Violence Hotline is 1-800-799-7233.

Since October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, there are several organizations doing things to combat this epidemic.

From Oct. 29 through Nov. 2, the Women's Resource Center will be hosting its fifth annual Clothesline Project, which displays homemade t-shirts on front campus. All these shirts are made by abuse victims or for those victims, and convey messages pleading for the world to step in on the behalf of the abused.

So, here's a challenge to our readers:

Women, go out there and make a shirt for you, someone you know who has been abused or for the woman who is being battered and can't speak out for herself.

Men, take part in The White Ribbon Campaign sponsored by Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. and take a vow to never use violence in your own life.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A lesson in audience manners

Dear Editor,

I attended a speech and presentation made by Eric Krug and his mother in the A&S Auditorium Tuesday, Oct. 16 and was touched by the words of a young adult and his family whose lives were brought to a halt after Eric was in an accident involving drunk driving. However, I was completely appalled by the behavior of some of the students who attended the event and would like to remind anyone who will become an audience member of some theatre and auditorium etiquette.

Firstly, when a presentation is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., an audience member is expected to be seated, ready to watch, at 7 p.m. Technical difficulties and lack of available seating aside, groups of people were still arriving five and ten minutes after the presentation was scheduled to begin.

While I'm glad the event was well attended, it seemed like a few groups required members to be there or that some classes required students to attend. Rather than sit and make the best of having to spend an hour in a crowded auditorium, the girl to the right of me felt the need to read her Cosmopolitan magazine through the lecture and the girl on the left of me was too busy text messaging to applaud at the end. I certainly hope that Mrs.

Krug, who came from Atlanta with her disabled son, who spoke through the use of a speaking computer, did not see these things.

I have a lot to say about cell phones in a theatre - more than is necessary for this letter, however I will say this: for the sake of the speaker or performer, please silence your phone. No one reminded the audience to turn off their electronic devices before the presentation began. One would think that it would be habit to put your cell phone on silent by now, but I can understand how someone could forget - which is just what happened. If the first phone that rang was an honest mistake, the second phone that rang was inexcusable.

After the first ring interrupted the speech, several people, including myself, checked our phones to make sure it was put on silent. Why didn't the owner of the second phone? And where you may think that you are being considerate to the rest of the audience or the speaker by texting instead of talking during a presentation or performance, the constant ticking as you text and the flashes of light that spotlight as you open the phone to respond are just as rude, if not more so.

My last bit of auditorium etiquette comes in the form of food. Several disposable cups and to-go boxes walked in the A&S

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## CORRECTIONS &amp; CLARIFICATIONS

- In the article "City, campus collaborate on parking situation," it was implied Greg Brown did not know the changes would occur. Brown did admit to knowing the particulars of the parking change, but was confused on when it would take place.
- The photo for the article "RSO Brings play to life" is incorrectly attributed. It was taken by Austin Cabot.
- In the same story, Charles Bender was identified as playing a character named Richard. The character's name was Robert.

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GRAPHIC BY LEE SANDOW

## Poll of the Week

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Do you think the GCSU staff and faculty get paid enough?

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Got more to say? Let us know in a letter to the editor!

# Bobcat Beat

*What issues on campus do you think need to be addressed?*



**"Two hour parking should be changed to three hour, for commuters with larger classes."**

Tiffany Walton  
senior, political science



**"The food needs to be better, and more teachers for required classes."**

Kurt Niesen, junior, history



**"We need a Checkers."**

Lauren Murray,  
senior, mass communication



**"The main issue is the dichotomy between people giving information to those receiving it."**

Lee Tucciarone, senior, english



**"I can't think of any real issues."**

Jennifer Noice, freshman, art history

Reported by James Odom

## The Litter Box

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ColonnadeVent  
Last message received at: 6:33:10 PM

Forget what the weatherman says: Fall isn't here until the bottle-blondes go brunette.

To the girl downstairs who just HAS to blare her stereo at top volume, with the bass all the way up when she's visibly ALONE: TURN THAT CRAP DOWN! I'm sorry, my own TV and stereo don't need to compete with yours when I don't even live with you. Get a hearing aid already!

There's a water shortage in the state of Georgia, but at The Village, we defy all shortages - and water four times daily.

I hope everyone is preparing for 5 a.m.. registration ... 'cause I know I'm not!

Why drop an inexpensive starch? Everyone needs a healthy, cruelty-free protein. TOFU DROP!!!

This year of college football has DEFINITELY been the craziest ever. Every sports expert has been made to look stupid, the upsets have been everywhere, and conference play is just heating up!

I think that GCSU needs SmokingEdu along with AlcoholEdu...because people are smoking outside every building, where as you only have to see drinking if you choose to, besides random drunks in the hallways.

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Section Editor, Jessica Murphy

## Irish scholar O'Connor fan

BY ROCHELLE SMALLS  
STAFF WRITER

Victoria Kennefick is a Fulbright Scholar who is attending GCSU this semester to study Flannery O'Connor. While many may be unfamiliar with what it means to be a Fulbright Scholar, Kennefick has found this program allowed her to further her studies of O'Connor.

In 1946, the then senator of Arkansas, J. William Fulbright, established the Fulbright Program. According to the United States Department of State Web site, there have been approximately 279,500 "Fulbrighters" from both the United States and other countries since it began over 50 years ago.

This program is funded through an "annual appropriation by the United States Congress to the Department of State. The Web site also stated, "Participating governments and host institutions in foreign countries and the United States," help out through housing, waivers, and supplements.

For GCSU to have its very own Fulbright Scholar is a definite honor; however, that honor is heightened with the fact that she is interested in O'Connor.

O'Connor shows "strength which is inspiring especially with being a woman," Kennefick said. "She is witty, straight, honest and forthright."

These are all characteristics that Kennefick admires in people whether male or female.

Having come from Shanagarry, County Cork, Ireland, Milledgeville, is a long way from home; however, Kennefick has plenty of emotional support from her family, which keeps her going.

Her parents and siblings, were "proud that I was going somewhere with a different American experience," Kennefick said.

"Often when people leave Ireland to come to America, they get an east coast experience," Kennefick said. "I was very intrigued about Georgia," and the experience I was going to get from the South.

Kennefick's father had visited



KATIE RAGAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Victoria Kennefick, a Fulbright Scholar from Ireland, takes time to research Flannery O'Connor in the GCSU Library.

Georgia before and told her with a Southern drawl, "Y'all (Southerners) were really nice," Kennefick said.

After her 2008 dissertation, Kennefick plans to do a research fellowship in Ireland and the United Kingdom as a career. Having always enjoyed researching, reading and going to conferences she feels that this career will fulfill her most important loves.

"At home resources are not as

available. The greatest resources, regarding Flannery O'Connor, are here in America," Kennefick said.

While she finds America very helpful towards her studies, she believes at this time, she will only come back to continue to learn. Her calling for research fellowship seems to be centered around her home.

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## Make the most of your time studying abroad

BY CHRISTA M. KAHEA  
STAFF WRITER

It's that time of year when students are applying for the many study abroad programs that GCSU offers. According to Liz Havey, GCSU study abroad adviser, 234 students studied abroad last year. That is approximately a 30 percent increase from years past.

Some of the most popular destinations are Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom. Also, there is a program for business students in China. Environmental science and nursing students can go to Belize.

"I can't wait to go to Spain," said Sasha Rojas, sophomore Spanish and French double major. "Some of my friends that were exchange students last year live in Spain. So I will get to see them again and meet their families."

Rojas is planning to go to Spain during the 2008-2009 school year.

Besides getting the passport and visas in order, here are some tips to help you make the most of your experience:

Learn the language. Attempt to learn at least a few words in the language of the country that you are visiting.

Learn some of the mannerisms of the people that you are visiting. For example, in some cultures it is impolite to keep eye contact. This will help you to look less like a tourist.

Examine your financial situation. Money is crucial to your experience. Apply for as many scholarships as you can. Scholarships are available based on the location of the program, the major and many other things. Do some fundraising such as having a bake sale or a car wash.

While you are abroad, do not be afraid to take advantage of the built-in excursions. There may be trips to museums in the area or to a big city like Paris or Barcelona.

Try new things; that is the point of studying abroad. The food, fashion, transportation, hobbies and sports of other countries can be completely different than that of the United States. Do not be afraid to question yourself, what you like, your values and your priorities. This is a time to get to know yourself better while you are out of your element.

Most importantly have fun. This is something that, for most people, will be a one-time opportunity. Make the most of it by enjoying it, and you will be glad that you did.



DRAKE SIMONS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Hypnotist Tom Deluca congratulates the volunteers who performed during the show. Tom Deluca gave credit to the volunteers as the real stars of the show in Magnolia Ballroom on Oct. 10.

## Students under hypnosis

BY MARY ZEHNER  
STAFF WRITER

You are getting very sleepy. Very sleepy. And when I snap my fingers you will flap your arms and cluck like a chicken. SNAP!

This might have been the scenario some students were anticipating during the Oct. 7 hypnosis show.

The performance, featuring famed hypnotist Tom Deluca, was presented to GCSU students as one the many productions during Campus Activities Board's Fall Frenzy week.

Students and curious onlookers alike crowded into

the Magnolia Ballroom Friday evening for two hours, watching their friends and peers lose inhibitions and, essentially, perform for the audience.

"Hypnotism is basically bypassing the analytical part of someone's mind and giving people suggestions that go into their subconscious mind without a lot of critical analysis," said Deluca, who first learned about hypnotism in graduate school.

"And it's done in a variety of different ways. You can do it yourself. You can talk to yourself and give yourself suggestions. Good or bad. You can have other

people say things that you don't really analyze but that you accept it."

After introducing hypnotism, telling the crowd that hypnotism is "enhanced imagination and concentration," Deluca selected various volunteers from the eager crowd.

Ten guys and ten girls were invited on stage to begin what promised to be an entertaining experience.

Deluca then began to slowly relax his "victims" into a deep sleep. Soon, most of the 20 volunteers dropped their heads to their chests in what appeared to

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## Wesley moves to larger home

BY ALLISON BRAMLET  
STAFF WRITER

The Wesley Foundation has moved its weekly worship to the Magnolia Ballroom due to an increase of attendance of 60 percent in just one year.

Just six years ago, Wesley, one of GCSU's campus ministries, met in the Wesley Foundation House with an average attendance of 65 people, according to a 2001 article in *The Colonnade*.

Since then, Wesley has moved to and from Maxwell Student Union to its current location, Magnolia Ballroom on West Hancock Street across from Front Campus.

"Today, people aren't interested in being preached at and they're not interested in being told what to think," said Rev. Bill Baker, the director of Wesley. "They just want to experience God for real."

Wesley now averages around 320 people every

Wednesday night, where as this time last year it was averaging around 200 people, according to Baker.

"Magnolia is packed out every week," says Beth Shepherd, 19, a regular at Wesley.

Not only are the seats filled, but people also line the sides as well as the back wall.

Kevin O'Kelley, a sophomore art major, has gone to Wesley since the beginning of his freshman year and is now involved in the video production at Wesley. He says it is "awesome" that so many people want to experience the Lord.

For its Wednesday night service, Wesley puts a lot of focus and energy into worship and, for Baker, that has a lot to do with the growth.

Shepherd calls the worship "really raw and pure," something she says people can appreciate.

Every Wednesday night at 8 p.m., after the Wesley

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## Wesley by the numbers

- Since 2001, the attendance of The Wesley Foundation has increased from an average of 65 people to an average of 320 people.

- Wesley meets Wed. nights at 8 p.m. in Magnolia Ballroom.

- They offer four bible studies: men's, women's, freshmen's and one on the book of Daniel.

- Wesley has a dance team, a creative arts team and a praise band.

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be a semi-unconscious state. There were a few who didn't quite fall under the spell and were asked to leave the stage.

For the next hour and a half, the crowd erupted into fitful laughter over and over again as they watched the volunteers drive cars, milk cows, compete in body building contests and perform in a ballet. At least, that's what the participants thought they were doing.

"I remember my freshman year I was friends with some older folks and they said they had been and I had always heard them talk about it," said Clifford Barnette, GCSU graduate student and a volunteer during the performance.

"So this year we're gonna go and I want to get hypnotized," Barnette said.

Among the many scenarios he was asked to act out, Barnette was involved in one of the most memorable: the ballet act.

Barnette and fellow volunteer Cameron Steele danced across the stage in what can be described as a less the elegant performance. But not everything was as it seemed, claimed Barnette.

"He was telling us 'Pick him up. Twirl him around.' When he turned his back to the audience and took the mic from his face he was giving us suggestions," says Barnette of Deluca.

Overall, Barnette described his experience as fun and extremely relaxing.

"He said when we got up there that we'd feel like we slept a couple of hours," Barnette said. "Like six or seven hours. I really did."

Every muscle in my body was just completely relaxed when I left."

By the end of the show, the volunteers had lost their butts, competed in a "Shake It" contest, and danced the night away in a dance club. But most of all, they had entertained the crowd.

As for whether or not his participants would remember their performance, Deluca said that it all depends on the person.

"Some of them come up and ask me," Deluca said. "Most of their friends come up and tell them and they remember."

After the show, students had mixed feelings about what they had just seen.

"I am still not sure what to believe in," junior Hannah Oothoudt said. "I knew some people that were in it and they truly did seem to be hypnotized, but it's still hard for me to believe that something like that could actually happen."

"There were people there onstage both years that I know and am close to. They were completely out of it and would never be able to do the things they did with a straight face," student Kika Caparisos said. She claimed that, after watching the performance, she definitely believes in hypnosis.

As for Barnette, he believed in hypnosis coming into the show but wasn't sure what to expect. Now that he has participated, he says he would have no problem being hypnotized again. On a final note, he wanted to reassure his friends and audience members that he does not plan on making ballet his profession.

**Nothing can slow him down**BY DEVIN VERNICK  
SENIOR REPORTER

Sara Fleetwood positioned herself to get the door for him, but Antonio Washington prefers to open the door himself.

Washington prefers to hold the door for others.

"Antonio always stopped what he was doing to open the door for someone," Fleetwood said. "And he was always chipper and polite about it too."

Washington is paralyzed from the waist down.

"I never even noticed he was in a motorized chair, I only noticed the good person he was," Fleetwood said. "That chair was only a part of who he is."

Known as "Cadillac" by many GCSU students and faculty alike, Washington's personality matches the size of his nickname.

In December of 1990, an accident involving a BB gun left a young Washington being rushed to the hospital by his parents. After three months in a coma, Washington's next memory is waking up in Columbus, Ga.

Seven years of physical therapy was needed for Washington to regain control of his upper body. At 15 years old, Washington had learned something that would make all the difference.

"It was hard - I learned that if I give up, then I'll never make it," Washington said. "So I didn't give up, and that's why I'm here today."

Washington returned to Ohio so he could resume grade school, but would return to Georgia in 2002.

Enrolling at GCSU in the fall of 2004, Washington was embraced by his peers in Foundation Hall and around campus. His willingness to lend a helping hand, and his upbeat spirit won over students and faculty alike.

"When you see someone who is handicapped, don't be afraid to ask how it happened," Washington said.

"Most people assume the wrong things about my situation, if they'd just took the time to ask they'd see things differently."

These days, Washington isn't seen much on campus. His mother has been undergoing cancer treatment since May 2007. Since she needed



JAMIE FLEMING / SENIOR REPORTER

Washington doesn't let his disability get to him; he always tries to keep a positive attitude throughout any situation.

help, Washington willingly put his college education on hold so he could come to her aid.

"Right now, she's in good spirits," Washington said. "I've been able to encourage her and be someone she can always talk to."

Washington drives her to Augusta once a week to continue receiving treatments. He remains at her side throughout, waiting for any opportunity to serve.

Now living in an apartment in Sandersville, Ga., just a few minutes from his mother, he checks up on her daily and plans to start working at the nearby Wal-Mart soon.

"I'm a momma's boy, that's me in a nutshell," Washington said.

Washington was pursuing a degree in computer science while at GCSU and also worked for the Instructional Technology Center in the GCSU library, fixing computers and helping as a computer lab assistant.

"I really enjoy all that," Washington said. "For me, it's like a bird's wings. Technology really excites me and can take me to new places."

Despite his attitude, everything wasn't always painless.

"I had to deal with the lack of handicap accessibility," Washington said. "Coming to GCSU was difficult because some of the buildings weren't wheelchair friendly."

Washington had to use back entrances to gain access to classrooms and dorm rooms.

These physical settings, like the other challenges Washington has overcome, didn't keep him down. Often, Washington pulled himself out of his chair to climb the Foundation Hall staircase. Washington also has asthma, always making it an exhausting effort just to visit a friend.

"If you ever needed to talk about something, Antonio was always right there ready to listen and give whatever positive advice he could," Tony Bertucci, a GCSU senior biology major, said. "He was always optimistic."

Several GCSU basketball players coined the nickname, "Cadillac" as they joked with Williams during a conversation in 2004. Like the classic car, Washington continues to drive.

"I don't give up," Washington said. "I've always been told to stick to it, and I try my best to do that."

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Amy Pinney performed "Like a Virgin, Love a Whore" on Oct. 10. While this was the first time she performed this full-length, she has performed pieces in the U.S.

## The complex woman

BY CHELSEA THOMAS  
STAFF REPORTER

Amy Pinney, the new assistant professor in the Department of Music and Theatre, wrote and performed "Like A Virgin, Love A Whore" on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2007 to a sold out crowd.

Focusing on consequential femininities, Pinney told the stories of assorted women and displayed the differentiations of their morals, attitudes and prospects.

With the use of a stair stepper, other small props and her body, Pinney managed to convey all her points to her audience.

"This is an oral performance therefore I am working fanatically," Pinney said in the play.

Kicking off the show, Pinney names all the words held to the identity of women such as "spinster, bimbo, old hag, queen, princess or hooker." Corresponding with the use of these words she climbs, swings on, and eventually runs on the stair stepper. Pinney shows the weary, burdensome nature of these words on the feminine character parallel to running on the stair stepper.

"The show discusses stereotypes, typecasting and archetypes put on women," Pinney said.

Evaluating these stereotypes of women and their role in society, Pinney dives into the various characterizations of females in history. She

uses famous faces such as Tallulah Bankhead, Dolly Parton and Yvette Paris. Yet, she also acts out other women that are more archetypal than realistic in most cases.

"In my class we are studying movement, and she portrayed the importance of every move very well," said Kristyn Iodice, a freshman in Pinney's Acting I class. "She also jumps to characters suitably, showing how broad she is and how well she acts."

Exquisitely and with great poise, Pinney acted out these different women while also probing concepts in the audience's heads.

"I chose these stories because I knew I wanted to discuss performance, autobiography and type," Pinney said.

The idea of "type" was meant to be a "symbolic representation of a thing not yet come into being" to encompass the archetypes and stereotypes of femininity. "Performance" was meant to exhibit the characteristics of women whom do or make. Finally, "autobiography" was used in the disposition of Dolly Parton's story. Overall, these three ideas were significant points used in the execution of her show.

Pinney says her inspiration for writing the play was "reading those women's autobiographies and finding similar themes throughout." The lives of those women seemed to portray a central message.

"This show is generally for woman more than men, but men can certainly get something out of it," Pinney said.

Proving her point, Warren Johnson, freshman at GCSU, said, "It was thought provoking."

Along those lines, Paul Raymond, freshman in Bell Hall, said, "It was a different experience for me, but was very interesting."

Although this was Pinney's first time performing her "Like a Virgin, Love a Whore" theatrical production in its full-length solo, she has performed pieces of it before all over the country.

Pinney performed it first at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Later she also performed pieces of it at the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry in Champagne, Ill., and the National Communication Association in 2005.

Pinney explains how a mixture of life and her readings enabled her to write her script.

"It took me thirty-five years to write this play," Pinney said, implying it took her life to prepare her for it.

Overall, this was an exploratory play into the typecasting of women and their different roles in society. Casting a message of consequential femininities, it also gave new sight into characterizations of various female roles throughout society.

"These people were real, they weren't fake. They just really loved the Lord."

Wesley is not just about these Wednesday nights. With its expansion came an increase of participation, allowing Wesley to offer more activities and ways to get involved.

"We try really hard to get people involved in things. We don't want it to be just a Wednesday night thing," Shepherd said.

Wesley offers many Bible studies: men's, women's, freshmen's and one on the book of Daniel, just to name a few. Personal prayer meetings are held on Tuesdays and Fridays. Wesley also has a dance team, a creative arts team and the praise band, all of which meet at the Wesley Foundation House, located at 211 S. Clarke St.

Inside these headquarters is the office for Wesley as well as a prayer room that is open most

hours of the day so people can have a quiet place to pray and reflect. The house is also home to five active members of Wesley. Those who live in the house are either in leadership, praise band, or are interns. With all the activities that take place at the house, it is not surprising that it is a common hang out.

In the nine years that Baker has been with Wesley, he has seen Wesley grow from the six that were involved when he first started to the number of people they have today.

"We're not doing anything different than what we've been doing the last four or five years," Baker said. Each year, a new set of students come in and they seem "hungrier" than the students before them.

"Anybody can do what we're doing," Baker said. "We're not doing anything special. I think they're just drawn to God."

## Bluegrass band to play concert at Andalusia

BY ALI DUCKWORTH  
STAFF WRITER

Andalusia, the family farm of American author Flannery O'Connor, is hosting its fourth bluegrass concert on the front lawn of the Andalusia Main House on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 per person.

All guests are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets, as well as picnic dinners to enjoy on the lawn as they are entertained by the local bluegrass group Heart Pine.

Heart Pine is a group of five musicians, who are residents of the Middle Georgia area. Members of the band include Andy Adams, plays guitar, Lynn Dragger, plays banjo, Aubrey Nelson, plays resonophonic guitar, Charles Duffey, plays fiddle, and Jason Lowe, plays acoustic bass.

Inspired by such musicians as Ralph Stanley, Randy Cohrs and The Infamous Stringdusters, Nelson has been playing bluegrass music for over 30 years.

"I became interested in bluegrass music in the mid-70s, and have played off and on ever since then," Nelson said.

The current members of Heart Pine have been playing together for about three to four years.

"Lynn Dugger and I have been playing bluegrass with each other for probably 25 years in several different band configurations. And the other guys are people that we have met in the last three or four years, and just decided that after had gotten together one time that we were happy with the mix that we got both vocally and instrumentally," Nelson said.

Not only is Nelson a bluegrass musician, he is

"It's a great place to go for an evening, and have a picnic and dance when a band invites you to dance," Gentry said.

"It's just a cool place to hangout for a real change of pace from the tension and stress of the usual school activity."

- Dr. Marshall Bruce Gentry,  
Professor of English

also an O'Connor fan.

"Growing up in Milledgeville, that was something that I was made familiar with at an early age," Nelson said.

Dr. Marshall Bruce Gentry, professor of English and editor of Flannery O'Connor Review at GCSU, has attended the bluegrass concert at Andalusia on several occasions.

"It's a great place to go for an evening, and have a picnic and dance when a band invites you to dance," Gentry said. "It's just a cool place to hangout for a real change of pace from the tension and stress of the usual school activity."

Also a member of the Andalusia Foundation Board, Gentry became interested in O'Connor's work nearly 40 years ago.

"I bought a used copy of 'Wiseblood' at a used book sale at the University of Iowa in the 70s, and I remember reading 'A Good Man is Hard to Find' by O'Connor in a creative writing class," Gentry said. "The blurb on the back of the book said she's 'just like (Franz) Kafka,' so I thought I ought to read more of this Flannery O'Connor, if she's an American writer who's like Kafka."

While the bluegrass concerts have been held in both the spring and the fall, they are now predominately held in the fall.

"I think that's the best time for a bluegrass concert because it's starting to get chilly, and it's a festival atmosphere. There's so many different festival's going on at the same time so I think that turns out to be the best time of the year for this," said Craig Amason, executive director of The Flannery O'Connor Foundation, Inc.

"This year the sponsors of the bluegrass concert are Lynda Banks and Mary Anne Murray. Both of those individuals are on my board, and are very, very supportive of what we do," Amason said.

The main house will be open for tours as well as the gift shop.

The Andalusia Farm is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. For more information concerning the concert, as well as other questions, call Andalusia at 478-454-4029, or visit the Web site at <http://www.andalusia-farm.org/>.

and already knows that she will miss it.

While she will be finishing her semester at GCSU soon, she is taking several pictures to capture her memories. One animal that she finds very interesting is the squirrel, which does not reside in Ireland.

Outside of her studies, Kennefick seems to be getting used to the American, Southern culture rather well.

I enjoy "learning about weather, political, and religious views," Kennefick said.

Having hobbies such as reading, creative writing, photography and hanging out with friends, Kennefick has come to love Georgia

Kennefick said.

The following people helped her during her studies, and she greatly appreciates them for assisting her: Marshall Bruce Gentry - professor of English, Professor Edmonson - sponsor, Nancy Davis Bray and all the staff in the special collections, Larry and Bill in accommodation, and Craig Amason from Andalusia.

While her appreciation cannot be completely summed up in words, Kennefick is deeply thankful for all those who have made Milledgeville her home away from home.

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## Midnight strikes; Madness ensues

AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior guard Justin Brown shows off his high-flying skills in the slam-dunk contest Sunday night during Midnight Madness at the Centennial Center.

BY COREY DICKSTEIN  
SENIOR REPORTER

The Centennial Center was the place to be Sunday night, as students packed the house to eat pancakes and enjoy the first basketball action of the season at the annual Midnight Madness celebration.

Oct. 15 marks the first day that the NCAA allows college basketball teams to start official team practices, and when the clock showed 12 a.m. Monday morning the basketball action began.

"It's just become a tradition," said men's head basketball coach Terry Sellers. "From what I understand it was started with coach (Lefty) Driesell at (the University of) Maryland. Even ESPN is having a thing on TV these days, it's just become a real popular thing to do and most colleges do something for it."

At GCSU it has become one of the largest events on campus.

"It's just something fun to do," said Tyler Anderson, a junior business major, who has attended the last two years. "For me it is more of a social event. I like basketball, but honestly the cheerleaders were the ones that really persuaded me to go."

The night was kicked off by a series of competitions that students were invited to take part in including a free throw competition and a three-point competition.

The cheerleaders kept the action going, performing a series of stunts and tumbles, cheers and dance routines that included the teams very own rendition of the "Crank Dat Soulja Boy" dance.

But the real action kicked off when the Lady Bobcats started their scrimmage.

The 20-minute split-squad game was won by the Blue team 42-35. Senior guard Christina Royster, junior forward Savanna Chapman and freshman guard Dominique Huffin all tallied nine points to lead the way for the team.

Senior guard Lindsey Smith led all scor-

ers, posting 15 points for the White team.

Women's head coach John Carrick said that his favorite part of Midnight Madness is the crowd.

"The girls won't get to play in front of a crowd that big for the rest of the year," he said. "It's a shame."

Carrick was pleased with the Lady Bobcat's performance.

After the women scrimmaged, the GCSU dance team, SassyCats, performed and the dunk contest and three-point contests were held.

The dunk contest was highlighted by winner Jay Warden. The senior forward impressed the crowd by starting with a reverse-windmill style dunk and keeping the energy high through his entire performance.

Casey Brown, a junior education major said the dunk contest was her favorite part.

"It was fun to watch the guys do that stuff," she said. "I also enjoyed watching the girls play, because I used to play."

The three-point contest was held between the women's and men's teams. Redshirt-sophomore guard Graham Martin and junior guard Shaun Keaton bested senior guard Elicia Lynch and freshman guard Mandi Dudish for the title.

The men's followed the contests and came down to the wire.

The White team fell behind early, finding themselves down 27-19 with six minutes left to play, but rallied for an 8-0 run to tie the game at 27. The Blue team, however, recovered and held on for the win 39-38.

Keaton led all players by scoring 14 points for the Blue team. The White team was led by Martin, who tallied nine.

"(The team) looked fine without having any practice yet. We have a lot of new players and I like to see the guys go out there and just have fun and get ready for practice."



AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Sophomore center Katie Herndon (in blue) and junior forward Tiauna Brantley battle for the tip-off at the stroke of midnight, Monday morning in the Lady Bobcats scrimmage at the Centennial Center. Monday marked the first day the NCAA allowed basketball teams to hold official practices for the 2007-2008 season. GCSU celebrates Midnight Madness every year with pancakes, basketball and competitions for Bobcat basketball fans.

## The Season PASS



BY COREY DICKSTEIN  
SPORTS EDITOR

One of the most exciting plays in basketball is the slam-dunk. And if you are a fan, then you have probably watched a slam-dunk contest or two in your day.

But I want to talk about the real stars of the slam-dunk contest.

No, not the incredible athletes who have the ability to jump through the roof with the greatest of ease.

I am talking about the judges. Those often overlooked, yet immensely vital people who make the exorbitantly tough decision as to who is dunker numero uno.

Sunday night I got the opportunity to serve as a guest judge in the dunk contest held in between the women's and men's scrimmages at our school's Midnight Madness celebration and let me tell you, the old cliché "easier said than done" really "hits the nail on the head."

Let me tell you, deciding what constitutes an outrageous dunk may not be brain-surgery, but try and decide if a reverse windmill jam is better than a sideways, between-the-legs slam. And, for that matter, is dunking over a tennis coach even more impressive than either of those?

I tell you it is a truly stressful situation to have such an important decision weighing on you and your fellow judges shoulders in front of approximately 1,000 fans, not to mention the contestants, themselves.

So, as I carefully inspected each contestants high-flying offering to our panel of judges, I decided that the most important aspect of the slam-dunk, in fact, is putting the ball through the hole.

With this in mind, I proceeded to place the score I thought befitting of each performance based on which contestant was most successful on actually dunking the ball home, while still adding on points for style.

The winner I chose, who was also the winner of the contest, was senior forward Jay Warden, who I awarded with an "8" for his efforts that included an eye-popping reverse-windmill slam, and a series of much easier dunks that he managed to place in the basket.

So, next time you are watching a slam-dunk contest, remember it isn't only about the athletes, it's about the judges, baby.



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### GCSU Athlete of the Week

#### Hayley Ferrell



The junior has been named the GCSU Athlete of the Week for the third time this year. Ferrell recorded three goals in the week, including her record-breaking twelfth goal of the season. She was also named Peach Belt Offensive Player of the Week for her efforts.

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## SPORTS

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# Ferrell breaks record, Bobcats keep winning

BY PRESTON SELLERS  
STAFF WRITER

Since dropping two close games on the road two weeks ago, the Bobcats have been on fire. A combination of experienced leaders and valuable contributions from younger players has resulted in a four-game winning streak, including three in six days.

Of the numerous goals the Bobcats scored in this stretch, Hayley Ferrell's blast against Mars Hill College stands out. Her second goal of the game, it also gave her twelve goals on the season, a new team record, in only eleven games.

"Hayley deserves credit for doing the work to get where she is," said Head Coach Robert Parr.

While Ferrell's scoring prowess this season has been impressive, perhaps equally impressive has been the improvement and contributions of the team as a whole.

"I challenged the other forwards and midfielders to step up their performance, particularly in scoring," said Parr.

Have they ever. In the last three games, these players scored eight goals, including two each by sophomore forwards Lyric Burnett and Jamie Nevin.

"No team can focus on Hayley anymore, because of our other players stepping up," said Parr.

In the past week, the Bobcats have dominated an outmatched Georgia Southwestern State University team, looked their best in an impressive win over Mars Hill College, and earned a tough victory over USC-Aiken in a physical match.

On Oct. 11, the team traveled to GSW to take on the winless Hurricanes. The Bobcats wasted no time asserting themselves, as Ferrell scored in the eighth minute. Nevin added her fourth goal of the season to make the score 2-0 at half. She opened the second-half scoring as well, and GCSU would add three others to put away GSW 6-0. Ally Treat, a freshman midfielder, scored her first goal as a Bobcat.

"The challenge (at GSW) was 'let's win a game we're supposed to win,'" said Parr. "We expected this type of performance from our offense."

This win was the first for the Bobcats on the road since their first game of the season, a 4-0 victory over Thomas University. It was also their second win in a

row, following the two tough losses the previous week.

"Certainly, putting consecutive wins together builds confidence," said Parr.

An interesting fact about the GSW game is that the Bobcats held the Hurricanes without a single shot on goal, a sign of absolute dominance in a soccer game, and something which almost never happens.

The team returned home to play their next two games, the first coming Oct. 13 against Mars Hill.

The Lions opened the scoring, and held a 1-0 advantage until late in the first half.

Then Ferrell struck again, heading in her eleventh goal of the season to tie the team record. Junior forward Jeni Day ripped a beautiful shot to score her second of the season and break the tie in the second half, and Ferrell followed with a short shot a few minutes later to put herself atop the GCSU soccer season scoring list, eclipsing Meredith Moran's mark.

The Bobcats held on to preserve the 3-1 win, much to the delight of the solid crowd in attendance, and also the coach.

"Mars Hill has some impressive wins this season," said Parr, "so this was big for us."

After the game, the coach

assessed the team's performance thus far in the season.

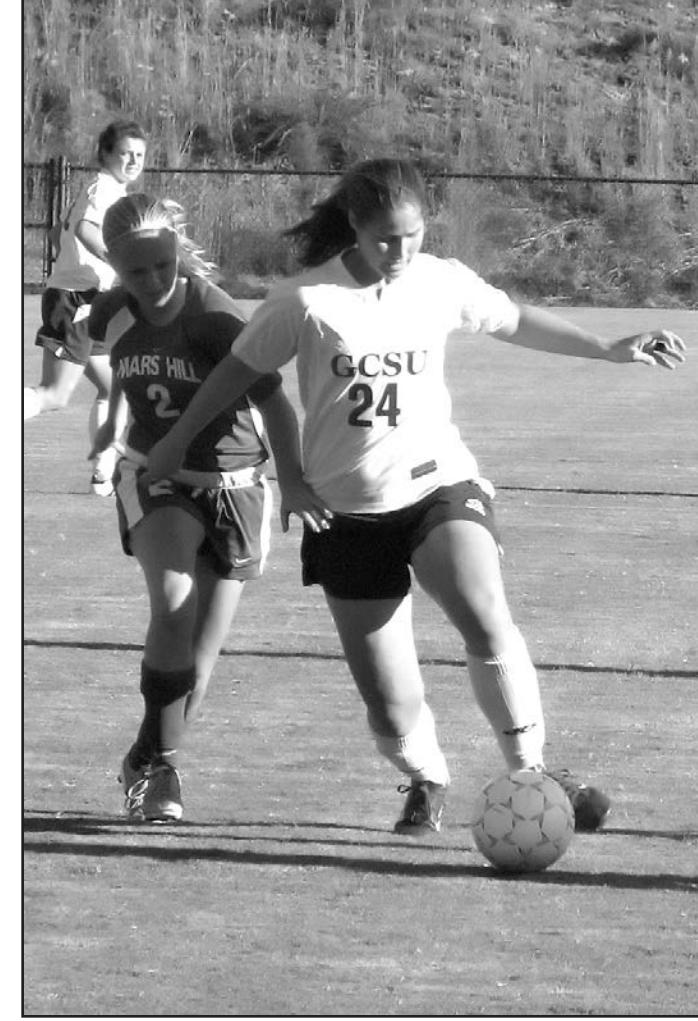
"We've been pretty solid defensively, so our goal has been to improve the offensive production," Parr said. "We've gotten better at dealing with set pieces like corners as well."

With only nine goals allowed in twelve games, perhaps "solid" is an understatement. This 0.75 GAA (goals against average) is the best in the Peach Belt Conference. The stout defensive unit, anchored by speedy sophomore Morgan Cobb, gives the Bobcats balance from front to back on the field.

On Oct. 15, the Bobcats ran their winning streak to four against USC-Aiken in a match being made up due to rain. Sophomore forward Lyric Burnett opened the scoring with her third goal of the season, Ferrell added a penalty kick for her thirteenth, and junior midfielder Beth Coughlin got her first of the year, a strange-looking goal directly off a corner kick.

The Bobcats are in a solid position in the conference with four games left to play, and Coach Parr has one goal for the end of the season.

"I want to host a playoff game," he said. "That's our goal, to have the home fans and our home field to open the playoffs."



PAUL GRIGSBY / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sophomore forward Kara Teresi controls the ball against Mars Hill College last Saturday. The Bobcats won the match 3-1, part of their current five game winning streak.



AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Sophomore lacrosse captain Thomas Bolton, a midfielder, makes a pass in Wednesday's scrimmage. The GCSU lacrosse club is playing its first ever home game on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the intramural fields.

## Lacrosse club geared up for inaugural home match

BY SALEM COOK  
STAFF WRITER

Put the pig skin away. The GCSU lacrosse team is having its first home game.

Sunday at 2 p.m. the Bobcats are playing the Fighting Owls of Kennesaw State University. This is the only chance to see the GCSU's men's lacrosse team in action during the fall season.

GCSU may not have a football team, but there is plenty of mouth dropping hits and heart pounding action in lacrosse said David Weissman, a senior management major.

"(Lacrosse) is the fastest game on two feet," said Weissman, one of the team captains.

"Solid rubber balls come flying at you going as fast as 90 mph and all you've got to protect yourself is a helmet, cup, and shoulder pads. Not only that, but there's also sure to be some good hits."

Last season, GCSU's first, the Bobcats lost against KSU by six goals. However, it managed to keep the game close in the first half. With the arrival of many new, experienced players the second match up between the two teams may produce better results said Matt Miller, a senior

information systems major.

"If everyone plays their best we can beat them," said Miller. "We've had good turnouts at practices; we just can't have any stupid penalties."

Penalties became an issue in their last game versus KSU.

After only its second year in existence, the GCSU men's lacrosse team started a rivalry, but it is not KSU.

Although GCSU has only played Georgia Southern University twice, they are still considered the unanimous rival of the

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## Ueltzen sets new record as cross country sets for PBC

BY DANIEL TROUTMAN  
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU men's and women's cross country teams each finished second out of three in the Tiger Twilight Invitational in Sewanee, Tenn. last Saturday.

The University of the South, GCSU, Emory University and the University of Alabama at Birmingham were the teams that competed in the invitational.

The tournament was a warm-up for both teams as they prepare for the PBC tournament meet on Saturday. Both teams were looking to finish high and even win the tournament, but sights were set on the conference meet this weekend.

"Our focus is next week, the conference meet in Augusta," Joe Samprone, the men's and women's cross country coach, said. "That's what the whole season leads to."

The GCSU cross country teams have improved this season after tough starts. Improvement for this conference meet is crucial and Samprone is pleased with that.

"So far, so good," he

said. "We're building the way we should. It's very encouraging."

The improvements in the teams have been noticeable in the results of past cross-country tournaments for the men and women.

After finishing seventh out of seven teams and tenth out of 18 teams in two earlier tournaments, the men's team finished third out of 12 teams in their last tournament, the Georgia Collegiate Invitational. Rich Dobson, a senior exercise physiology major, used the Tiger Twilight Invitational to prepare himself for the upcoming tournament.

"I'm going to race hard," Dobson said. "For me this is a training run." Dobson said the men's team saw it as more than just a meet.

"For us this is a team bonding trip," Dobson said. "We're not looking to kill it because we have the conference meet next weekend. This is more of a tune-up."

The men's team started the season ranked second in the conference behind Columbus State University, and against CSU and other top teams in the conference

Samprone is aiming for a second place finish if nothing else.

"It's going to be a challenge to finish second (this year)," Samprone said.

CSU and Clayton State University are the top two teams to beat according to Samprone.

On the women's side the Lady Bobcats have done very well this season, well enough to be ranked eighth in the United States Track and Field Cross Country Coaches Association South Region poll this season for the first time in school history.

The women's team is lead by the surprising trio of freshman Dani Destiche, sophomore Bonnie Ueltzen and senior Jen Keeton.

Ueltzen ran to prepare for this weekend.

"I wanted to keep my pace steady," she said. "I wanted to stay fast the whole time."

At the meet Ueltzen broke the school record for fastest time in a 6K with a time of 24:51, a record formerly held by current graduate assistant Crystal Sutton. Ueltzen didn't even know the record existed before the race or that she broke it after the race.

"I crossed the finish line and I was tired and I didn't care about my time," Ueltzen said. "The girls told me I did (break it) and then Crystal told me. I was really excited."

Ueltzen and the team's excitement will be needed with the level of competition at the PBC meet this year. No. 1 CSU and No. 2 Augusta State University and Clayton State University are the teams that the Lady Bobcats know will be a challenge this weekend.

"No. 1 Columbus State University and No. 2 Augusta State University seem to be the teams to beat," Samprone said.

The women's cross-country team is ranked number 10 in the South Region Poll as of last Tuesday.

With this improvement and focus the cross-country teams look to excel in the tournament on Saturday.

The tournament will be at Augusta State University beginning at 9:00 a.m.



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(L-R) Senior runners Jen Keaton and Becky Kellum practice at the Walter B. Community Track on Tuesday to prepare for Saturday's Peach Belt Conference Championship meet.



FILE PHOTO  
A local mixed martial arts fan meets Ultimate Fighting Championship star Matt "The Terror" Serra at the Milledgeville Academy of Mixed Martial Arts during its opening celebration in August. Mixed martial arts combines the skills involved in boxing, kickboxing, judo and other forms of the martial arts and has taken the world by storm with its action-packed matches and exposure on TV.

## Mixed martial arts academy sets up shop in Milledgeville

BY CLAIRE DYKES  
STAFF WRITER

A manager for an Ultimate Fighting champion opened Milledgeville's first martial arts academy in early August.

"I have been doing all kinds of martial arts for the past 20 years," said Frank Mullis, Jr.

Mullis is more than just the owner of a martial arts academy. He also manages the well-known Ultimate Fighting Championship Welterweight Champion Matt "the Terror" Serra. Mullis said he is excited about the opportunity to teach people who strive to be as skilled as Serra and others who just want to learn some of the basic maneuvers.

The Milledgeville Academy of Mixed Martial Arts opened its doors on South Wayne Street, in a town known more for its cows rather than its contenders. But with five employees and over 40 enrolled students, the academy kicked off with success.

Jeff Fajay, 19, taught Jiu-Jitsu previously in GCSU's Centennial Center before working at the academy. He, along with his co-workers, spent two weeks

preparing the 2,500 square-foot area for martial arts by attaching thick mats to the walls and the floors. Fajay said it took a lot of work to get it all done in two weeks, but, in the end, they succeeded with flying colors.

To inform locals of the grand opening, the academy has a commercial running on stations such as MTV, Spike TV and "other manly channels," Fajay said.

An article in the Journal of Sports Medicine and Physical Fitness by D.T. Burke, S. Al-Adawi, Y.T. Lee and J. Audette claims that while martial arts can cause some physical injury, it also is good for the body. It helps the elderly with their balance, improves people's tolerance of exercise, and adds, "benefits to the immune system and autonomic nervous system."

Fajay said the facility encourages him to train and pursue his interest in jiu-jitsu because the environment and the people are enjoyable. The academy's small environment provides an advantage over other martial arts academies because the compact atmosphere allows a close bond with all of the employees but at the same

time it allows everyone to feel challenged.

Lauren Hyman, a 19-year-old GCSU student, appeared in the commercial. She said the instructors are friendly and the entire place made her feel at home. She learned how to do basic kickboxing steps and jabs while she was there.

"I never had an interest in martial arts before, but after making the commercial I'm thinking about taking a kickboxing class in my spare time," Hyman said.

The classes offered include: Renzo Gracie Jiu-Jitsu, Little Rhino Karate, Submission Wrestling, Creighton Mixed Martial Arts (MMA), Self-Protection and Fitness Kickboxing. Each class has a set time for specific age groups. The academy has made sure that all age groups are covered in at least one class.

The cost is \$40 to \$130 a month, depending on the class. Uniforms and DVDs are also sold inside at the desk. Milledgeville Academy of Mixed Martial Arts is located in the Town and Country Shopping Center, which is located at 1300 W. Hancock St.

## Lacrosse

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Bobcats said Miller.

"The series is tied one to one," said Miller. "Both games were close and hard fought, just like a rivalry should be."

The fall season is a warm up for the spring season. Only two games are scheduled as of yet, including Sunday's match up, but Miller said that he is in the process of finding a few more games.

"The fall season is more for experience and a basis for how competitive we can be in the spring," said Miller. "This does not mean that the games will be less intense. We plan to play our hardest against Kennesaw."

There are 30 players on the roster and a

majority of them have been showing up to practice four days a week preparing for the game. In addition to practicing, they run the cross country trail whenever they get the chance. Ryan Coon, a senior marketing major, has run the loop behind The Village at West Campus many mornings.

"Conditioning is crucial," said Coon, a second year mid-fielder. "It's a lot of hard work. The whole game is running, there's no stopping."

To see how the hard work has paid off, come to the intramural fields at West Campus. Weissman guarantees enjoyment.

"Anyone who hasn't seen a game of lacrosse should come with their lawn chairs," said Weissman. "You'll be hooked."

If anyone is interested in joining the GCSU men's lacrosse team in the spring, contact Weissman at [david\\_weissman@ecats.gsu.edu](mailto:david_weissman@ecats.gsu.edu).

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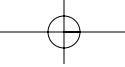
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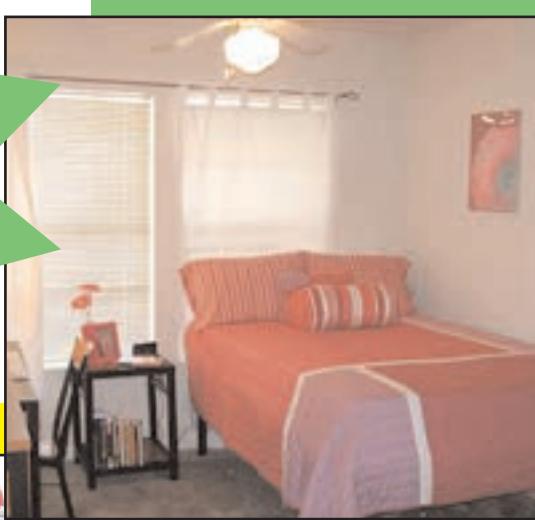
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